

HCS HB 1230 -- PROPERTY ASSESSMENT FREEZE

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SPONSOR or CO-SPONSORS: Portwood, Shoemaker, Roark, Luetkenhaus, Rector, Jetton, Crowell, Bearden, Dola

Chairman (for HCS): Byrd

Handler: Portwood

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" x "do pass by consent"

by the Committee on New Member Orientation by a vote of 16 to 13 present:

Use Introduced Summary Verbatim: Yes

Modify above as follows:

New summary as follows:

Emergency Clause: or Effective Date of: January 1, 2004

HCA(s) --

FISCAL NOTE: Attached: Not available:

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that senior citizens are especially hard-hit by increasing property assessments, as are people with modest homes in areas of fast growth. A homeowner shouldn't be forced to sell his house because he can't pay the taxes on it.

Testifying for the bill were Rep. Portwood; Tom Joad.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that the bill doesn't give enough direction about the details of its implementation and lacks a means test.

Testifying against the bill were Citizens for Simplicity in Taxation.

Analyst: